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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 23RD 1909.

THAT the Chinese as a people are perfectly

well able to understand that the general

unwillingness of foreign banks, and foreign

ners generally, to have any more than the

most infinitesimal dealings in native bank

notes professing to be "payable on demand,"

does not proceed from any indisposition to

use "Chinese" money, but is a phase of

that general principle of confidence, which

is at the bottom of every mercantile trans-

action beyond mere barter, it would be an

unjust reflexion on their commercial ability

to deny. But though, as a people the

Chinese are perfectly capable of recognising

those universally accepted principles of in-

ternational finance, on which alone great

financial fabrics can be erected capable of

commanding the confidence of the world;

there are among them, as amongst every

other people, individuals whose immediate

bill of exchange or bank note he receives in payments for his goods bear an English or Chinese name on its face, provided he feels certain that it will be paid in full at due date on presentation. The English merchant is equally indifferent; his sole anxiety being that it shall be met at due date, and his interest in the transaction extinguished. The extinction of indebtedness is in both cases the object aimed at; if, the Leung Kwang Provincial Mining Bank, offered the same securities and facilities for the due payment of its obligations as, say, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and the accounts of each were equally open to the inspection of parties interested, it would be a matter of perfect indifference whether an extinction of an indebtedness. Now with all foreign banks or issues, before they obtain the privilege, certain very special formalities have to be complied with; and in most cases notes payable on demand require certain deposits in hard coin or bullion to be placed in some government department, where they are kept instantaneously ready in case suddenly called on, failure to pay a note on demand being legally an act of bankruptcy. Nothing at all similar occurs with regard to any Chinese bank, whether a bank of issue or not. No accounts accessible to the public are rendered by any Chinese bank with the exception of the so-called, though not by the Imperial Government itself recognised, "Imperial Bank of China", which is really a bank conducted on foreign lines. No statistics are given of the face value of notes outstanding, nor can at any moment even the roughest estimate be formed as to the amount of reserve at hand available for meeting notes and other bills "payable on demand." The question then becomes one, not of whether the money presumed to be represented by the note issue be Chinese or Foreign, but whether there be any money at all. Now, as we have said above, the Chinese are perfectly aware of the fundamental law governing the value of securities, and no nation in the world is quicker in applying them in their own interest. The condition of the subsidiary coinage of China is a case point; the exchangeable value of every silver or copper piece issued by every mint in the Empire is daily recorded in every shroffing office in the land, as well as how much each is affected by over-issue, or over alloy. Industries, such as the tramway line, which of necessity have to accept payment in subsidiary coin, find themselves entirely in the power of these associations of shroffs, who make the exchange from day to day. There is little doubt that by arrangement with the provincial mints they have been in the habit of fixing beforehand the rate at which they were prepared to accept each issue of debased copper or silver. Even beyond this there are pretty plain indications that they are in league with the numerous "bodies of coiners who infest the Empire. Unless with the aid of some such powerful body to place the forgeries on the market, it is hardly conceivable that any body of private coiners, however well equipped in other particulars, should be able to place their forgeries in appreciable quantities in the markets without being at once discovered. It is, in fact, scarcely possible to take up a dollar's worth of subsidiary coins in any locality, without discovering that one or more are absolute forgeries, and have never been issued from any of the regular mints. The provincial mints doubtless in the first instance led the way in debasing the alloy, and barbarising the patterns, but public opinion always put some limit on both, and the worst specimens clearly point to their being the work of private coiners without such a command of dies and implements as would be in the possession of the worst equipped official mint.

Now with regard to the new issues of paper money, we see a very similar process of gradual deterioration already setting in. Many of the notes have been issued by the Provincial Governments, and if issued under proper safeguards and regulations, and subject to half-yearly, or even annual audit, by a regularly constituted board of audit would effect a very considerable economy in the annual expenses of the province, besides acting as a convenient and useful medium of exchange. But this is exactly what under present conditions the provinces will never of themselves do. Experience of Peking and Peking ways has long impressed on the Provincial authorities the absolute necessity of concealing all their accounts from the top prying eyes of the Mitropolis, and the mere change from eyeless to bank notes, however convenient it may be from a Provincial point of view, does not remove the inconveniences of laying open provincial secrets to metropolitan prying eyes, made, as till the other day they invariably were, with the sole object of extracting further irregular fees. Now it is noteworthy that the first issues of these new notes are in each case instances of very

elaborate and careful engraving, and bear the mark of a carefully worked-out scheme, and we have no doubt whatever have been issued by the Provincial authorities in perfect good faith; but here the weak point of the present administrative system comes out. So long as the Viceroy, or the high official in charge of the issue, is personally superintending the issue, affairs will probably go on all right; but incessant change is the watchword of the Chinese official system, and no sooner does a high official become thoroughly conversant with the details of his office than he is incontinently transferred to some other position, part of the Empire, where all his former experience is thrown away and another entirely unskilled, is sent to take up the financial concerns of the office concerned, is that helplessly these drift into the hands of unskilled underlings, whose object is to exploit the situation to the greatest personal advantage; and the precautionary rules of the original contriver of the system are thrown to the winds. Up to the present the notes issued have been paid on presentation, but that proves nothing as to the stability of the issuing banks at no time of stress has as yet come. The Chinese themselves some three years ago took it into their head in their sheeplike following sheep sort of way to institute a bank on their own foreign managed bank, which enjoys the privilege, for what it is worth, of being permitted to call itself the Imperial Bank of China; and the run was kept up as Chinese in a panic only can do, for two days. There was here an object lesson which Chinese men of business, had they taken thought of the matter, had no excuse for not assimilating. The position of the bank was known to be sound, its accounts having been regularly kept and properly audited; and the other Banks, in consideration of this, permitted it to draw freely on them for the moment till the rush was over, so that for all the foolish panic, which is the great danger in such a case, no one was a dollar the worse, except that the people who withdrew their money had trouble in replacing it again. Now, suppose even the Provincial Bank of Kiangsu, which is at the moment undoubtedly sound, were to have to undergo such a trial of its stability, would it be able to look for equally ready accommodation? The Foreign Banks who would have to go through certain formalities in making a loan would hardly be able on the spur of the moment, to provide the funds for such a thing must be done instantly to be of service, and the native banks could hardly on the spur of the moment put up the required sum, so notwithstanding the perfect soundness of the Bank, it would momentarily have to ask note-holders to wait, perhaps only a day, or even a few hours. Now with a foreign bank such a thing would constitute an act of bankruptcy, and would possibly entail an entire winding up of the whole concern, besides exciting a local commercial crash.

In case of the Chinese bank, the eventual consequences to the individual holders might possibly not be so great, but public confidence would, under the best of circumstances, have received a severe blow, from which it might take months to recover. The monetary position in China at the close of the last year was one of intense strain, and had such an additional blow as the failure of a large bank of issue come to intensify the situation, there is no saying what a financial crash would have come about. The question then for all to consider in this matter of currency, is not, whose money is supplying the needful circulating medium? which is a matter of little or no consequence to any one; but is there the money at all? Our Chinese friends are pre-eminently men of business, and if they will only think over these things, and ponder them well, they will see that not only in this question of bank notes, but in many other affairs where they have permitted the professional agitator to lead them off the track, they have been following but the ghost of a shadow. China for the Chinese may seem a very plausible cry; but carried to its logical issue it will be found to result in nothing but the exhausted levings falling to their lot.

The German Mail of the 24th March was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

The Japanese liner Nippon Maru has brought back to China 18 Chinese sailors who mutinied on the Norwegian steamer Henrik Ibsen at Oakland.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. Kemp sentenced a Chinese to six months imprisonment for having broken into a store and stolen goods to the value of \$600. He was not given the stocks as he had assisted the police in the recovery of the property.

We have received a useful handbook from the Welcome Society of Japan containing maps of the principal routes by Japanese railways and information which should prove interesting and instructive to the tourist. The Welcome Society affords special facilities to foreign visitors.

Mr. John Scrymgeour, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has arrived at Bangkok from Japan to be agent there in place of Mr. Barlow, who is homeward bound on leave.

Mr. G. Friesland, manager of Melchers & Co., left Hongkong yesterday for Australia by the *Prins Sigismund*. Prior to his departure he was entertained to a farewell dinner by the members of the Club Germania. Mr. Friesland was accompanied by his father a professor of philology who has been spending a holiday in the East.

An advertisement in another column invites subscriptions from past and present pupils of Central School and its successor, Queen's College, towards a fund to provide a memorial to Dr. Bateson Wright, who has just retired from the head-mastership. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Mr. Ho Kom Tong are undertaking the preliminary work in connection with the appeal.

Festivities in Java in honour of the expected happy event in the Dutch royal family include a unique item—a tiger fight at a place called Blitar. The tigers will be turned out into a fenced arena where they will be done to death by native spearmen. It is many years since this kind of sport was witnessed there. It is expected that there will be an enormous attendance of spectators—running into several thousands.

Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday the masters of seven passenger boats were fined \$3 apiece for lying within 100 yards of low water mark at Yau-mat; the master of a licensed trading junk, who anchored his vessel within the limits of the southern fairway, was fined \$10 or one month's imprisonment; a passenger boat owner, for carrying three persons in excess of the number allowed by his licence, was ordered to pay a fine of \$15, in default five weeks' hard labour.

We regret to learn that Sir Paul Chater met with an accident yesterday which may confine him to his house for a few days. Sir Paul was getting out of his chair to enter his office when a rickshaw came into collision with the chair and Sir Paul was thrown violently to the ground sustaining rather severe injury to one of his knees, which was badly cut. This doubtless explained the absence of Sir Paul from the funeral of his old friend Mr. Murray Bain, who preceded Sir Paul's arrival in the Colony by just three or four months.

A German battleship, who's not so very long ago, was visiting Singapore, recently called at Labuan. The Resident, anxious to do all he could for the entertainment of the visitors, on one of the days, organised a shooting expedition which was a thorough success, and very much enjoyed, albeit only one head of deer was shot. One of the officers, eager to possess some memento of the shoot, said he would much like to take away the quail-looking hunting knife which he noticed was possessed by one of the Malay hunters. When his wish was interpreted, the Malay expressed his willingness to part with the knife, whereupon the officer offered him \$3 for the trophy which was readily accepted by the hunter who assured him, in answer to his earnest enquiries, that it was a genuine native article. The officer, much pleased, walked off with his knife, but to his amazement and to the Resident's ill-concealed amusement, on drawing the weapon from its sheath he observed inscribed on the blade—"Made in Germany."—*Straits Times*.

BATHING FATALITY.

SOLDIER DROWNED.

Though bathing is so general in Hongkong the pastime is happily attended with a comparative immunity from fatality, but though the present season has only just commenced it has already claimed one victim, a British soldier, who was drowned on Wednesday afternoon. It appears that three of the Buffs went out boating in the neighbourhood of the Black Rock near Bay View, and as the afternoon was warm they decided to go in for a swim. They had enjoyed their dip and Private Starr, who reported the occurrence, was returning to the boat when he heard deceased, Drummer Woolley, call out for assistance. He swam in his direction—but before he could reach him Woolley disappeared. Starr, however, dived on reaching the locality and succeeded in catching his companion by the leg but he was unable to bring him to the surface. He returned to the boat in a somewhat exhausted condition and though search was made for the body it has not been recovered. There is a strong current at that locality and it is probable that the body has been carried out to deep water. Woolley was probably seized with cramp and sank.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 22nd at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately over China, except on the S. coast.

A shallow area of low pressure lies over the S. coast of China, and the highest pressure is shown over the Yangtze Valley.

The Japanese returns are not yet to hand.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and variable winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.33 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—Hongkong & Neighbourhood (°) N.E. winds, fresh. Formosa Channel (°) Same as No. 1. South coast of China between (°) Same as No. 1. Hongkong and Lanchow (°) Same as No. 1. South coast of China between (°) Same as No. 1. Hongkong and Hainan (°) Same as No. 1. Variable N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; equally, thunder showers.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE ACCIDENT TO H.M.S. "FAME."

Tokyo, April 22nd.

H.M.S. "Fame" struck a rock on Monday and damaged her engines. She has been docked at Nagasaki for repairs.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

THE TURF.

LONDON, April 21st.

The result of the City and Suburban is as follows:—

White Eagle	1
Dean Swift	2
La Fayette	3

UNREST IN PERSIA.

LONDON, April 21st.

The Shah has declined to receive the British and Russian Ministers owing, it is stated, to indisposition. Furious fighting took place at Tabriz on Tuesday when the Nationalists lost 160 killed and wounded.

THE SITUATION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, April 21st.

The Constantinople Ministry of War are sending provisions to the investing troops and preparing barracks for the guilty. Already the troops which revolted are swearing on the Koran to blindly obey their superiors in future in accordance with the proclamation of Hasan Husni, the commander of the investing army.

LONDON, April 22nd.

The latest indications at Constantinople are that the garrison will peacefully acquiesce in the demands of the Committee of Union and Progress.

The Navy having taken the oath of allegiance has been ordered to sail for the Mediterranean under the command of Admiral Gamble, who was recently engaged as Instructor of the Turkish Navy.

JAPANESE PRINCE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, April 21st.

President Fallieres has entertained Prince Nashimoto to lunch, at which M. Pichon, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, was present.

DEATH OF AN EARL.

LONDON, April 22nd.

The death is announced of the Earl of Sheffield.

[The Earl is probably best known to the general public on account of the interest he took in sport, especially yachting and cricket. In 1892-93 he took an Eleven to Australia.]

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO"]

OPENING OF HEUNGCHOW.

CANTON, April 22nd.

To-day the opening of the new commercial port of Heungchow was celebrated in the presence of Viceroy Cheung, Admiral Li and about ten thousand spectators.

The Viceroy and the Admiral left Canton on Wednesday afternoon by the gunboat "Kongtung," spent the night at Tiger Pass, and arrived at Heungchow yesterday morning, where they were met by the reception committee.

Eight gunboats assembled at the new port, as well as many visitors from Hongkong, Canton and Macao. Some three hundred sailors lined the route at the landing stage, and when the Viceroy and his party landed they were escorted to a large matshed, where the ceremony was conducted. Before the matshed was a table on which incense was burned. On the

right of the table stood Admiral Li, and on the left Viceroy Cheung. Congratulatory addresses prepared by the Viceroy, officials and merchants were read by a young man in foreign clothes.

The ceremony was begun by the Viceroy bowing three times. Then for three quarters of an hour the young man read the numerous addresses, during which time there was a heavy downpour of rain. As soon as the port was declared open, the Viceroy and his party departed.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, April 22nd.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUNISH JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR SHARKS' FINS.

Action was brought by Chak Ho On and the Chai Hop Yee Tong to recover \$ balance due for sharks' fins.

Mr. Reader Harris (of Messrs. W. and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff, and P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, and Morrell) for the defendant.

Mr. Harris said he was instructed that Goldring was going to consent to judgment. Now he understood that the defendant quite willing to consent with a stay of execution. Defendant claimed it was the custom of the trade that these goods should be paid on the fifth moon every year. The speaker could not consent to a stay of execution.

Mr. Goldring said the custom in the trade was that the debts contracted in the first month should be paid in the fifth month. His client admitted the contract, but said the time for payment had not yet arrived.

His Lordship—You don't deny liability? Mr. Goldring—No, but I want to prove that it is the custom to pay in subsidiary coinage on the fifth moon.

Mr. Harris—The Shanghai Hotel is closed. I don't think it likely that my clients will agree to a stay of execution.

His Lordship—It does not seem very like it. Then there is the other point about taking subsidiary coins.

Mr. Goldring—All the defendants in the firm are substantial people.

His Lordship—What stay are you asking for?

Mr. Goldring—A fortnight, so that we can get some debts in.

His Lordship—And you are willing to pay the money into Court?

Mr. Goldring—Yes.

His Lordship—I don't see how that helps you.

Mr. Goldring said the remainder of the creditors could come down in an avalanche if one got judgment. There were about \$3000 worth of debts, and \$2000 odd good book debts; these were almost like club debts, and were certain to be paid. If one man got judgment now the whole lot of the creditors would swoop down on his clients.

Mr. Harris—They cannot swoop down in a fortnight.

His Lordship did not think he was prepared to give a stay of execution. It seemed to him that there were other means to prevent the creditors rushing in.

At this stage His Lordship adjourned the case until the afternoon for further particulars.

After this, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis appeared on behalf of the plaintiff. He stated that the case was adjourned from chambers on Mr. Goldring stating that he wished to examine the plaintiff's accounts, and intimating that if he was satisfied there would be nothing for him to do but consent to judgment.

His Lordship—Is the subsidiary coin question agreed to or not?

Mr. Beavis—It is not agreed to.

Mr. Goldring—Then we'll have to go.

His Lordship—The issue is whether there is a specific contract for payment in subsidiary coin or not?

Mr. Goldring—And also whether or not it is the custom to give payment up to the fifth moon.

Mr. Beavis referred his Lordship to the bill, and submitted that his friend could go beyond that document. If Mr. Goldring was going to allege that plaintiff consented to the debt being due at a later date he would have to produce documentary evidence; and if he intended to prove custom he would have to follow the proper method of doing so.

The buyer of the Shanghai Hotel said it was the custom to pay for sharks' fins in subsidiary coinage during the fifth moon festival.

Plaintiff denied that the custom existed. When the last witness bought sharks' fins from him before, the agreement was cash on delivery, one week allowed.

His Lordship gave judgment with costs for the plaintiff.

WARD COMEDY COMPANY.

"The Prima Donna," a comedy drama in four acts by Edwin Milton Royce, was the piece staged by the Ward Comedy Co., at the Theatre Royal last night. The weather was uninviting, but the fair attendance thoroughly appreciated the skilful interpretation of the play. Mr. Hugh Ward as Hans Otto, father of the Prima Donna, made the most of his part and Miss Grace Falotta as his daughter was superb. The other characters were in capable hands, and the curtain rung down on another success for this clever combination.

As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the Company have decided to prolong their stay here for a few more nights. To-night by popular demand, they reproduce "When Knights were Bold."

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THE FUNERAL.

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The C.N. Co. 8 str. *Linh* left Singapore on the 22nd inst., and is due here on the 25th inst.

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The M.M. str. *Yunnan* from Europe left Singapore on the 21st inst. at 6 p.m., and is due here on Wednesday morning the 28th inst.

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The entries for to-morrow's meeting first this season, are as under :

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In the meantime subscriptions will be received by the undersigned.

LAU CHU PAU,
HO KONG TONG.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909. [647]

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, for the Supply of the undermentioned STORES for H. M. Cruiser "VASCO DA GAMA," while in this Harbour during the month of May, 1909, will be received by the Captain, care of the Portuguese Consulate, No. 47, Wyndham Street, until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 27th April, 1909.

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JOAO J. LEIRIA,
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Portuguese Consulate,
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909. [648]

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [5]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Members of the HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be
THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 23rd April,
1909, at 4 P.M., in the CITY HALL for the
following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909. [614]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season
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Hongkong, 17th April, 1909. [625]

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- 14—Mysterious card tricks.
- 15—Raps and handkerchief tricks.
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- 17—Japanese dances butterfly tricks.
- 18—Japanese dwarf dances.
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NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report
of the Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 28th February, 1909, and electing
Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 7th April, 1909. [587]

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Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria,
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at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of confirming
the following Special Resolution, which was
duly passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of
the Society held on the 21st April, 1909—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of
Association of the Society be respectively
extended, altered and amended so as to read
as shown in the print signed for the purpose
of identification by the Chairman of this
Meeting and that such extended, altered
and amended Memorandum and Articles of
Association be henceforth adopted as the
Memorandum and Articles of Association of
the Society to the exclusion of those
heretofore prevailing."

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and
Articles of Association can be seen at the
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [640]

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1909. [100]

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THE PEAK HOUSE in STEWART
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Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [494]

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1909. [553]

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ONE OFFICE ROOM on 2nd Floor
Prince's Building.
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LEUFER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1909. [522]

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FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.
TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT
No. 235 at NORTH POINT, Suitable
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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [547]

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"FUNG-SHUI" THE PEAK. To be Let
Furnished for 8 months or longer.
Apply—
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [110]

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 20th April, 1909. [97]

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1908. [103]

TO LET.

SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 78,
Queen's Road, Central.
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Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [518]

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
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Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [455]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [121]

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Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [25]

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

The Report of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1908, for presentation to the Members of the annual meeting, to be held in the City Hall, to-day, at 4 p.m. is as follows:—

Several important questions have had the attention of the Committee during the past year.

NEW TYHOON REFUGEE AT MONKOKSTU.

Members of the Chamber will remember that when, in 1904, the Government referred to them the proposal to construct a new Typhoon Refuge at Monkokstui, the Committee advocated that the Refuge should be situated at Cheung Sha Wan.

The question was shelved for the moment but the Typhoon of 1906 brought forth such an expression of public opinion in favour of Refuge as to induce the Government to again take up the matter.

The Government referred to the Chamber the Report of the Public Works Committee favouring the Monkokstui Scheme together with His Excellency's proposal to defray the cost half out of the Colony's reserves and half by a temporary increase of Light Dues.

Your Committee, in reply, supported the proposal of the Agents, Representatives and Owners of British Lines visiting the port against the imposition of increased dues, and their suggestions for a modification of the Government's proposal.

Your Committee also concurred in the views expressed by the Shipping Companies as to the apparently excessive cost of the Monkokstui scheme, and asked that an opportunity be accorded them of viewing the plans.

The points raised by the Shipping Companies were fully considered by His Excellency in the Government's reply and the plan sent to the Chamber. The Shipping Companies in a further letter addressed to the Chamber, a closed memorandum suggested that if Causeway Day, half of whose cost was practically useless owing to the fact that the smaller craft employed in the Harbour, but if the Government were to definitely commit to Monkokstui the suggestion of the Shipping Companies that the cost be spread over a term of years calculated to fall less heavily on immediate contributors—a policy usually adopted by Port Trusts—should also be adopted by the Government.

The Government replied that the existing loan for the further loan suggested by the Shipping Companies. After considerable correspondence the Government reduced the increase of Light Dues to 2½ cents per ton by 1 cent, and assured the Shipping Companies that there was no intention of continuing the increase after the cost of the Typhoon Refuge had been met.

The Government, however, was not prepared to re-open the question of the provision of a second shelter or the method of financing its construction.

MOORING FEES OF LIGHTERS AND CARGO BOATS.

The Chamber supported the protest of the Owners of Foreign Lighters against the increase of mooring fees and considered that the time had arrived for a distinction to be made between the boats owned by public carriers and those owned by private firms for their own use.

The Government replied that the fees were not excessive and it could not consider the reopening of the subject.

FRANCE-BRITISH EXHIBITION OF 1908.

In response to a communication from the Government asking the Chamber to consider the feasibility of the Colony's participating in the Franco-British Exhibition, your Committee expressed the opinion that sufficient support would not be forthcoming to justify the appointment of a Committee of Organization and that unless the Government were prepared to vote the necessary funds, the matter should be allowed to drop.

PRIVATE BOYS IN THE HARBOUR.

This important subject continued to receive the attention of your Committee.

The position at the end of 1907 was that the Chamber, having differed with the argument of the Government for a revision of the present system, was considering the Government's reply.

The Chamber, after considering the Government's revised representations, was unanimously of opinion that any change in the present system was unwarrantable unless the Government took over all the leases, moorings and buoys.

The Government concurred in the view that the purchase of all private buoys and moorings by Government would be the best solution of the problem but that the Colony could not at that moment meet the expense involved. The Government regarded the present proposal as a temporary solution until the Colony could afford the expenditure.

Your Committee differed absolutely with the reasons set forth by the Government as a justification for its amendment of Table O (a) to Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN ITALY IN 1911.

The Government having approached the Chamber with regard to a proposed International Exhibition to be held in Italy in 1911, your Committee replied that, in their opinion, an appeal to the public would meet with insufficient support.

MINERAL LAMPS AND TANNING INDUSTRY.

A memorandum by His Excellency the Governor was received by the Chamber dealing with the possibility of the Colony developing an export trade in tanned lambs with the Philippines and Straits Settlements. Enquiries were made by the Chamber Merchants and further information requested on the question of Government guarantee.

In reply to a further enquiry of His Excellency as to the feasibility of the Colony engaging in the Tanning Industry, from enquiries made it appeared to your Committee that the establishment of such an industry was unlikely to meet with success.

BRITISH POSTAL SERVICE AT TIENTSIN.

Your Committee were pleased at the information conveyed to them by the Government that, as the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had agreed to guarantee the Government of Hongkong against half of any loss on the postal agency at Tientsin and the Tientsin Municipality had decided to provide the other half, the Agency would remain open until 10th October, 1909.

It is hoped that some arrangement will, meanwhile, be arrived at by which the Government will be enabled to retain the Agency permanently.

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE EMPIRE 1909.

A circular letter was received by the Chamber inviting the attendance of a delegate at the forthcoming Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire to be held at Sydney in 1909.

If it should be possible to do so, it is the wish of the Committee to appoint a representative of the Chamber.

REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.

The Government having under consideration the question of amending the Law relating to the Registration of Trade Marks (Ordinance No. 6 of 1898) requested a definite expression of opinion from the Chamber as to whether British Merchants in the Colony desired by registering their Marks in Hongkong to secure local protection, or whether they desired to secure protection in China, Korea and Japan as well.

In the latter case His Excellency the Governor considered that prior registration in the United Kingdom would be indispensable as a condition precedent to registration in Hongkong.

The Committee's opinion conveyed to His Excellency was that registration did not confer a right—rights being conferred by usage. If that point of view were accepted there was no valid reason why the British Government should not protect marks registered in Hongkong, but not in the United Kingdom in so far as to accept that registration as evidence of the claim of prior usage. They pointed out the extreme local income from January would accrue on compulsory registration in the United Kingdom and trusted that the Government would not make it a condition precedent to registration in Hongkong in the new Ordinance.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF MORPHINE INTO CHINA.

By the courtesy of the Government the Chamber received a copy of a despatch from Sir John Jordan covering copy of the Notification issued by him to H.B.M.'s Consuls at the Treaty Ports in China by which notice was conveyed to British subjects that from January 1st, 1909, the importation of Morphine, and certain salts for its injection, would be prohibited by the Chinese Government.

Due provision had been made for medicinal requirements.

CURRENCY QUESTION.

The year brought forth the usual correspondence on the question of Currency Reform, a subject which will come to be regarded as an essential feature of the Chamber's Annual Report.

A copy of a despatch from Sir John Jordan was received from the Government together with copies of an Imperial Decree dated Peking, 5th October, 1908, commanding that a certain silver coin be struck as the Standard Coin of the Country.

An interesting memorial of the Government Council (Hui T'cheng Wen Ch'ia) on the question of a uniform National Currency is included.

ATTEMPTED OPIUM MONOPOLY AT CANTON.

Certain regulations issued by the Provincial Authorities of the Two Kwongs called forth a protest from the Opium Merchants of the Colony who requested the support of the Chamber in resisting what could only be regarded as a breach of Articles 5 and 10 of the British Treaty of Nanking 1842.

It was contended that the objectionable regulations would form the nucleus of a monopoly which would eventually bring the raw opium trade in the Province of the Two Kwongs into the hands of a few individuals, and possibly into the hands of the Provincial Government.

The Chamber considered that the opium merchants had made out a strong case and took up the matter by cabling to Sir John Jordan.

The Wai Wai En, in response to the representations of M. A. Minister, promised to telegraph instructions to the Viceroy on the subject.

The matter was more fully discussed at a later date, and a letter setting forth the views of the Chamber, supported by a further letter from the Chamber, was forwarded to Government.

It afforded considerable satisfaction to your Committee to learn the matter had for some time been engaging the serious attention of His Excellency the Governor, and within the last few days a despatch has been received from Peking to the effect that the Wai Wai En had assumed H.M.'s Majesty that the new regulations would apply to Nanyang opium only.

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

It will be remembered that at the close of 1907 the Committee were considering the question of the formation of a local centre of Examination for the London Chamber of Commerce Commercial Examinations.

The views of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, were requisitioned with the result that the Chamber wrote to the London Chamber regretting their inability to form a local centre for reasons fully set out in the correspondence.

HONGKONG-SINGAPORE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

A letter was received from the Government pointing out that if the Shipping Companies interested in the Chinese Passenger traffic between this port and Singapore would make the vaccination of Asiatic passengers and native crew obligatory before embarkment for Singapore, the Health Officer at that Port would be willing, provided no infectious or contagious disease had manifested itself or death occurred since leaving Hongkong, to allow landing and give the necessary protection after the necessary examination and disinfection of passengers and their luggage had been completed.

The opinion of the principal firms engaged in the traffic was obtained which was that vaccination at this end was impracticable.

SURVEYS ON PRICE GOODS.

The Manchester Chamber wrote stating that it had been brought to their notice that certain awards by Surveyors in India, and further East, contained reports, statements and opinions extraneous to the matter in dispute and requested the assistance of this Chamber in confining the Survey Reports to the question or questions, specifically in dispute.

The Committee promised to find their influence towards the exclusion of any parts that those specifically contained in the reference in cases brought to their notice.

TREATIES BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM AND GOVERNMENTS OF SERBIA AND BULGARIA.

The Committee upon having the Treaties between the United Kingdom and the Governments of Serbia and Bulgaria referred to them by the Government saw no objection to the proposed adherence of this Colony thereto.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1909.

Further correspondence has been dealt with relative to the proposed International Exhibition to be held in Shanghai in 1909.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The Chamber were invited by the Government to express an opinion on the question as to whether boggy short trucks would be best adopted for use on the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The Committee advocated the use of large boggy trucks.

The Government eventually decided to order both boggy and short trucks.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1906.

In a draft Bill to amend the local Merchant Shipping Ordinance the Government proposed to omit the provision contained in the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act 1906 that seamen may not be engaged on board British Ships unless they are of sufficient knowledge of English to understand the necessary orders that may be given to them in the performance of their duties.

His Excellency the Governor gave it as his opinion that such a regulation was not possible in Hongkong where 98 per cent of the seamen shipped are Chinese.

The Committee strongly endorsed His Excellency's views on the subject and believed that the inclusion of such a clause in the local Merchant Shipping Ordinance would practically compel the fleet of British Coasting vessels engaged in the China trade to go out of commission.

TIME BELL AT KOWLOON.

Certain correspondence regarding the Colour of the Time Ball at Kowloon has been dealt with.

LANDING OF GOODS BY STEAMERS.

In response to a query from the Imperial German Consul the Committee stated that Shipowners were under no obligation to land and deliver goods unless specifically required to do so under the terms of the Bill of Lading.

REGISTER OF TRADE MARKS AT UPPER INDIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Upper India Chamber of Commerce supplied this Chamber with a copy of the rules in connection with the register opened by them for the registration of trade marks and designs.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GULFON CO., LTD. submitted to the Chamber a draft Ordinance (31-12-27) to authorise the making of By-Laws. The Committee saw nothing objectionable in the Bill and did not propose to oppose it.

UNIVERSAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT BRUSSELS 1910.

The Consul for Belgium notified the Chamber that a Universal and International Exhibition would be opened at Brussels in the month of April, 1910.

In response to a communication from the Government on the same subject, the Committee replied that unless the Government were prepared to find the funds the matter had better be allowed to drop.

THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE OPIUM DIVANS.

A resolution was passed by the Committee recording their strong protest against any arbitrary orders from the Imperial Government to close immediately the Opium Divans in Hongkong and promising to loyally support a policy of gradual reduction.

This resolution was forwarded to the Government who forwarded a copy to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the consideration of the Imperial Government.

OBSERVATION STATION AT LAI-CHI-KOKE.

The Committee approached the Government with reference to Notification No. 653 published in the Government Gazette of 27th November, 1908, whereby the Customs and Excise Agents of 1908, were required to pay not only the cost of disinfection of the vessel, and food for any passengers or crew landed at the quarantine station but also the cost of maintenance of practically the entire staff of the Establishment.

The Committee asked the Government to review the terms of the regulations and requested the Government to consider the adoption of a similar procedure as obtained elsewhere.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY IS RECEIVING THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION.

UNITED STATES MONETARY COMMISSION.

A letter was received from Mr. Morton Freeman dealing with the United States Monetary Commission sitting in Washington and suggesting the attendance of a representative of the Hongkong Chamber.

HEIMINTUN-FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

A letter was received from the Newchwang Chamber covering a copy of a resolution passed by it as a protest against the proposed abandonment of the extension of the Imperial Railway of North China from Heimintun to Fakumen and beyond.

The Committee offered to join the Committee of the Newchwang Chamber in a joint memorial to be forwarded to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking.

THE JAPANESE YARN LOTTERY.

The unfair trade methods adopted by some Japanese Merchants in issuing lottery tickets led the British firms engaged in the Yarn trade in Hongkong to approach the Chamber.

The Committee requested the assistance of the London, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford and Glasgow Chambers in seeking, through the usual diplomatic channels, the assistance of His Majesty's Government in the protection of British Trade.

Further action was rendered unnecessary by the Government requesting the Japanese Chamber to warn the Japanese firms that an issue of lottery tickets would constitute an infringement of the Gambling Ordinance.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL TELEGRAMS.

The Committee regret that, owing to the withdrawal of the Government's subscription of \$1500 per annum, the Chamber has been forced to discontinue the issuing of Russian Political Telegrams from 31st December, 1908.

LI YAU SAM VERSUS RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

The case of Li Yau Sam versus Russo-Chinese Bank appeared to require that some action should be taken by the foreign firms employing Compromises to ensure protection against the unauthorized acts of such Compromises.

The Committee took legal advice and drafted a proposed joint advertisement warning the public that certain signatures must be obtained from the signatories in their respective business before any business transaction settled through the agency of their respective Compromises, or their staffs, would be recognised as binding.

Although well received the movement was not unanimously supported, and the Committee, feeling that such action should be unanimous to be effective, did not proceed further in the matter.

CHINESE EMIGRATION ORDINANCE 1889.

This question has again been dealt with and further correspondence of a confidential nature has passed between the Chamber and the Government.

The Committee much regret, however, that the Secretary of State, is not in a position to re-open the question.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

A letter from Sir Henry Berkeley, the Chairman of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association, was considered in which it was suggested that in order to strengthen the Volunteer Corps it might be feasible for the Heads of Firms and Banking and other Companies when engaging employees in England to make it a condition of engagement that they should join the local Volunteer Corps if required to do so by their employers.

The Chamber regretted that it could not see its way to recommend the adoption of the scheme in view of many difficulties which were likely to ensue. Employers in the practical working of the scheme.

The Committee strongly sympathised with the Volunteer movement and its Members were prepared to do all in their power to encourage volunteering among their employees.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership of the Chamber for 1908 consisted of 22 individual Members and 120 Firms. During the year Messrs. Lantz, Wegman & Co., Lutgens, Eimsman & Co., and Lai Hing Hong retired from business and

Messrs. Rumiha & Co., China Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd., A. Ebrahim & Co., and Mr. E. C. Ray resigned. Mr. Wm Danby an old Member of the Chamber, died. The following were elected to Membership:—Messrs. William & Co., Lowe & Bingham, Netherlands India Commercial Bank, Perry Smith & Selch, Geo. Grimble, F. P. Talani and the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. The election of the two last named requires the confirmation of the Chamber Committee.

In the early part of 1908 the Chamber lost the services of Mr. A. G. Wood on his retirement from business and departure for home. Mr. Wood has been closely associated with the Chamber for nine years, and the deep interest he always took in public and commercial affairs and the knowledge he possessed of these rendered his services to the Chamber of great value.

The vacancy has since been filled by Mr. J. W. C. Bonner.

The Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick and Mr. A. Fuchs having left the Colony their places were filled by the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. C. Broderick. The Committee very much regret the death of the latter gentleman which occurred at Shanghai. The vacancy thus caused has since been filled by the election of Mr. H. A. Siebs.

CHAMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Colonial Secretary informed the Chamber on the 9th March, 1908, that His Excellency the Governor had granted six months' leave of absence to the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt and, therefore, requested the nomination of a temporary member of Council in his place.

A special general meeting of members was had on the 17th March last at which Mr. Murray Stewart was unanimously elected. His Excellency the Governor afterwards signified his approval of the nomination.

The Chamber is very much indebted to Mr. Murray Stewart for the attention devoted to its interests during his term of office.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt on returning in October last resumed his seat on the Legislative Council.

FINANCES.

The expenditure for the year 1908 has exceeded the Income by \$572.67 an increase of \$266.14 as compared with 1907.

The expenses show a small increase of \$63.35. Receipts from Renters' Political Telegrams, Members' Subscriptions and Interest, show increases in Market Report and Annual Report sales of \$18.98, account for a decrease of \$202.77 of which the first named item is responsible for \$146.42.

GENERAL.

The past year has been marked by a great increase in letters of enquiry from Europe, America and through the foreign Consuls, and the Committee regard this as a satisfactory indication of the increasing usefulness of the Chamber.

INDIGESTION

THE GREAT
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INSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAMERS	TO	DATE	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, SOMALI, YOKOHAMA	PALMA	April 23rd	Freight only.
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, SOMALI, YOKOHAMA	DELTA	April 25th	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, SOMALI, YOKOHAMA	DELTA	April 29th	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	ASSAYE	May 1st	See Special Advertisement.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
CHINKIANG	"KASHING"	On 23rd April, 4 p.m.	
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and HOLO	"CHIHUI"	On 23rd April, 6 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"SUNGKIANG"	On 24th April, 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 25th April, 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 27th April, 3 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 28th April, 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 2nd May, 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 4th May, 3 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 6th May, 4 p.m.	

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HONGKONG, 23rd April, 1909.

INTO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD. PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 23rd April, 4 p.m.	
TIENTSIN VIA TSINGTAU	"CHIPSANG"	Saturday, 24th April, Noon.	
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Sunday, 25th April, 4 p.m.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA	"KONGSANG"	Tuesday, 27th April, Noon.	
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	"KONGSANG"	Friday, 30th April, Noon.	
SHANGHAI, PENANG & CALOUTTA	"KONGSANG"	Friday, 30th April, Noon.	
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 30th April, 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday, 19th May, Noon.	

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1909.

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"HAIYAN"	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	FRIDAY, 23rd April, at Noon.
"HAIYUN"	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 25th April, at 10 A.M.
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 27th April, at 1 P.M.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1909.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
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SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"BUJUN MARU"	TUESDAY, 27th April, at 10 A.M.
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FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "NICO MEDIA"	28th April
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	S.S. "BRISGAVIA"	3rd May
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	S.S. "SILESIA"	19th May
ANTWERP & HAMBURG	S.S. "LIBERIA"	About Middle of May
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "BELGRAVIA"	About Beg. of June
HAVRE & HAMBURG	S.S. "SCANDIA"	2nd June

OUTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. "SCANDIA"	27th April
SENEGAMBIA	S.S. "SENEGAMBIA"	10th May
SEGOVIA	S.S. "SEGOVIA"	17th May
ISTRIA	S.S. "ISTRIA"	29th May

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CANTON"	Middle of April.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN and ST. PETERSBURG	"TRANQUEBAR"	On 23rd April.

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KAMO MARU	(Capt. F. L. SOMMER)	About Wed. 28th July

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	KANAGAWA MARU	6169	WEDNESDAY, 23rd April at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	BAKATA MARU	6161	WEDNESDAY, 12th May, at Daylight
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, MOI and KOBE	SAKI MARU	6444	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU	5068	TUESDAY, 11th May, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	5539	FRIDAY, 14th May, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	5539	FRIDAY, 11th June, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YETOROFU MARU	3949	SUNDAY, 25th April, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MOYOHU MARU	3265	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SAD MARU	6227	THURSDAY, 6th May, at Daylight
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	5539	WEDNESDAY, 12th May, at Noon

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TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of May	SHANGHAI	First half of May
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [716]

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24th April ... at 3.15 p.m.
5th May ... at 5.00 p.m.
8th May ... at 5.00 p.m.

The Occasion, with the French mail of the 28th March, will leave Saigon on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 26th inst., at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 20th Feb.

FOR	PER	DATE
Bangkok	Pongtong	Friday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Hainan	Hanoi	Friday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Satow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Bondoran	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Chingkiang	Kashing	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore and Colombo	Yuenang	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Chingkiang	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Tientsin, and Peking	Zufiro	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila		

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Macao	Sui Tai	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy, Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Sungkiang	Sunday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Wongkoi	Sunday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy	Hong Moh	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hungang	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI AND SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Chenan	Saturday, 24th, 6.00 P.M.
Satow, Amoy and Tamsui	Haimun	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Satow, Singapore and Bangkok	Dagui Maru	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok, Penang and Calcutta	Kongwai	Monday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy, Kobe, Yokohama, and Portland	Arabia	Tuesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Rajah	Tuesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Shimizu, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Fookang	Tuesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M.
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The M.M. str. Occasion with the French Mail of the 28th inst., and mails from London of the 27th inst., will leave Saigon on Friday the 23rd inst. at 7 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday the 26th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. Montague left Vancouver p.m. on Thursday the 8th inst. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

RECENTLY STRAITS.
The P. & O. str. Zaima is due here at daylight to day, and will leave for Marseilles, London and Antwerp on the same afternoon.

The C.N. Co.'s str. Taming, left Manila on the 20th inst., and is due here to-day.

The G.N. str. Minnesota arrived at Yokohama on the 4th inst., and will leave Yokohama on the 7th inst. for Hongkong via Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The C.N. Co.'s str. Taiyuan left Sydney on the 3rd inst. and Thursday Island 12th, and is due here to-morrow.

The P. & O. str. Somali left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst. at 5.30 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Yatoro Maru (Bombay Line) left Moji on the 18th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The Bank Line str. Sueric left the Sound on the 10th inst. for Hongkong via Japan ports and Manila.

The H.A. Line str. Scandia left Singapore on the 20th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst. a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Mogami Maru, (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 8th inst. and is expected here on the 27th inst.

The I.G.M. str. Manila left Sydney on the 8th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday the 30th inst.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 23rd to 26th, 1909.

High Water.	Low Water.
Hour.	Height.
23rd	5.00
24th	5.10
25th	5.20
26th	5.30
27th	5.40
28th	5.50
29th	6.00
30th	6.10
1st	6.20
2nd	6.30
3rd	6.40
4th	6.50
5th	7.00
6th	7.10
7th	7.20
8th	7.30
9th	7.40
10th	7.50
11th	8.00
12th	8.10
13th	8.20
14th	8.30
15th	8.40
16th	8.50
17th	9.00
18th	9.10
19th	9.20
20th	9.30
21st	9.40
22nd	9.50
23rd	10.00
24th	10.10
25th	10.20
26th	10.30
27th	10.40
28th	10.50
29th	11.00
30th	11.10
1st	11.20
2nd	11.30
3rd	11.40
4th	11.50
5th	12.00
6th	12.10
7th	12.20
8th	12.30
9th	12.40
10th	12.50
11th	1.00
12th	1.10
13th	1.20
14th	1.30
15th	1.40
16th	1.50
17th	2.00
18th	2.10
19th	2.20
20th	2.30
21st	2.40
22nd	2.50
23rd	3.00
24th	3.10
25th	3.20
26th	3.30
27th	3.40
28th	3.50
29th	4.00
30th	4.10
1st	4.20
2nd	4.30
3rd	4.40
4th	4.50
5th	5.00
6th	5.10
7th	5.20
8th	5.30
9th	5.40
10th	5.50
11th	6.00
12th	6.10
13th	6.20
14th	6.30
15th	6.40
16th	6.50
17th	7.00
18th	7.10
19th	7.20
20th	7.30
21st	7.40
22nd	7.50
23rd	8.00
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27th	8.40
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1st	9.20
2nd	9.30
3rd	9.40
4th	9.50
5th	10.00
6th	10.10
7th	10.20
8th	10.30
9th	10.40
10th	10.50
11th	11.00
12th	11.10
13th	11.20
14th	11.30
15th	11.40
16th	11.50
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18th	12.10
19th	12.20
20th	12.30
21st	12.40
22nd	12.50
23rd	1.00
24th	1.10
25th	1.20
26th	1.30
27th	1.40
28th	1.50
29th	2.00
30th	2.10
1st	2.20
2nd	2.30
3rd	2.40
4th	2.50
5th	3.00
6th	3.10
7th	3.20